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This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. provisional application No. 60/174,601 entitled "Map Decoding In Channels With Memory" filed on January 5, 2000. This application is also related to U.S. Application No. 09/549,201, which will issue at Patent No. 6,700,937 on March 2, 2004. The Applicant of the provisional application is William Turin (Attorney Docket No. 105038). The above provisional application is hereby incorporated by reference including all references cited therein.